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FOR AMBASSADOR VOLPE

E. O. 11652: N/ A

TAGS: EGEN

SUBJECT: SEATAC INVESTMENT GROUP

TAN SRI SARDON, MINISTER OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS OF MALAYSIA HAS ASKED THAT I SEND YOU THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE. I CONCUR WHOLEHEARTEDLY WITH HIS SENTIMENTS AND FORWARD HIS MESSAGE TO YOU WITH GREAT PLEASURE.

" MR. AMBASSADOR, AT THE CLOSING OF SEATAC, WE WISH TO SEND YOU OUR THANKS AND APPRECIATION. YOU MAY RECALL ELEVEN MONTHS AGO AT TRANSPO 72 WE PRESENTED YOU WITH A LIST OF PARTICULARS WITH REGARD TO SOUTHEAST ASIA'S NEED IN TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS. WE WERE NOT ASKING FOR FOREIGN ASSISTANCE, BUT COOPERATION IN BRINGING ABOUT A NEW KIND OF DEVELOPMENTAL PARTNERSHIP IN SOUTHEAST ASIA BY JOINING OUR POTENTIAL WITH YOUR SKILLS, TECHNOLOGY AND FINANCING. NONE OF US KNEW THEN HOW THIS PARTNERSHIP WOULD

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START OR WHAT FORM IT WOULD TAKE, BUT WE RECALL YOUR SINCERE PROMISE TO ASSIST.

TODAY 54 HIGH LEVEL U. S. EXECUTIVES LEFT SOUTHEAST ASIA AND WE ARE IMPRESSED WITH THEIR SPEED IN GRASPING OUR COMPLEX PROBLEMS AND THEIR WILLINGNESS TO ACT TOGETHER WITH US IN SEEKING SOLUTIONS. THE AMERICANS WE HAVE MET ARE A GREAT CREDIT TO YOUR COUNTRY AND YOU HAVE DONE SOUTHEAST ASIA A GREAT SERVICE IN ENCOURAGING THEM TO VISIT US. THEIR VISIT WAS A SUCCESS THAT WARRANTS NO QUALIFICATIONS.

THE UNFLAGGING SUPPORT WHICH YOU GAVE TO THE SPLENDID EFFORTS OF ANNA CHENNAULT, LEE ST. LAWRENCE AND BILL BIRD WORKING WITH THEIR SOUTHEAST ASIAN COLLEAGUES HAS SET INTO MOTION A CHAIN OF EVENTS WHICH CAN ONLY BENEFIT BOTH THE U. S. AND SOUTHEAST ASIA.

YOU HAVE MORE THAN KEPT YOUR PROMISE; YOU HAVE FOSTERED A NEW AND UNIQUE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SOUTHEAST ASIA AND THE AMERICAN BUSINESS WORLD AND WE ARE DEEPLY GRATEFUL AND APPRECIATIVE."  
LYDMAN

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